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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED EMB DRAFT CONTRACT (BASED ON INFO REFTEL A) WITH GOSK (GOLOVIN) JUNE 10. GOSK RUSSIAN VERSIKN COUNTRY MUSIC USA CONTRACT EXPECTED BE READY JUNE 13. MEETING WITH GOLOVIN SET FOR JUNE 14.

2. POST ASSUMES PARA 6 REFTEL A WAS INCORRECTLY CALCULATED AND SHOULD READ, BASED ON CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE OF RUBLE .7461 EQUALS ONE DOLLAR, SHOULD READ: WEEKLY FEE OF \$12,500 SPLIT EQUALLY DOLLARS AND RUBLES (\$6,250 AND RUBLES 4,664). PER PERFORMANCE FEE WOULD BE \$892 AND ROUBLES 666. GOSK RESISTED TOP FEE IN JUNE 10 NEGOTIATING SESSION BUT IS CONSIDERING FEE HIGHER THAN MINIMUM QUOTED. WILL ADVISE.

3. EMB RECEIVED JUNE 11 SHIPMENT OF RECORDS AND VIDEOTAPE MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL B AND REQUESTED REFTEL C. VIDEO-TAPE WHICH WILL GIVE GOSK SOME IDEA OF WHAT SHOW WILL BE LIKE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION NEGOTIATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY TAPE RECEIVED JUNE 11 IS VIDEO-CASSETTE AND EMB DOES NOT AT THIS TIME POSSESS EQUIPMENT FOR SCREENING CASSETTES. CAN DEPT SEND US SOME ONE-HALF INCE
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TAPE REEL-TO-REEL? EMB POUCHING VIDEO-CASSETTE BACK TO CU/CP IN

JUNE 13 POUCH.

4. GOSK REQUESTING SOME KIND OF VIDEO AND AUDIO MATERIAL OF SHOW WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR SOVIET UNION BY JUNE 20. PARTIAL MATERIAL ACCEPTABLE BY THAT DATE. DEPT/USIA REQUESTED ENCOURAGE OPRYLAND TAPE ENTIRE RUN-THROUGH OF PROGRAM IN JULY AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL B. ADVISE.

5. GOLOVIN HAS IMPRESSION FROM HIS VISIT TO OPRYLAND LAST YEAR THAT COUNTRY MUSIC GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED MAINLY OF STUDENTS. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EVEN PARTIAL LIST OF EXPECTED PERFORMERS ASAP.

6. POST REGRETS GEORGE HAMILTON IV WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW AND WISHES CALL DEPT'S ATTENTION TO FACT HAMILTON WILL BE IN BRITAIN OCTOBER 6-26, 1974. HE HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS IN LETTER TO P&C COUNSELOR TO COME BACK TO THE USSR BEFORE THAT TOUR AND FOR "EXPENSES ONLY." ADVISE.
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